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Applicant : Roland Reinhard Rick et al.

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Examiner : Kevin Michael Burd

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AMENDMENT

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated April 30, 2009 has been carefully considered. Claims 1-20 are active and pending in this application. Further examination and reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1-20 are respectfully requested.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the claims as indicated in the pending claims. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and associated fees are currently filed herewith.

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